



Report to the Auburn City Council


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City Manager's Approval

To: Mayor and City Council Members
From: Mark D'Ambrogio, Fire Chief 
Date: March 10, 2014
Subject: Informational Item- Auburn Fire 2013 Incident Response Report

The Issue

This is a Staff report on 2013 Fire Department response and emergency incidents. No action is requested or required. This is informational only.

Conclusion and Recommendation

Staff will present an overview of 2013 Fire Department response and functions.

Background

Highlights

- Fire Department calls for service during 2013 Total 1821, 3 responses less than the previous year.
- EMS related calls still represent approximately 62% of total calls, but there were 72 less medical responses than the previous year.
- Fire incidents increased by 30 from the previous year.
- The "Good Intent Call" category increased significantly due to a change on how data is collected in the fire reporting systems, specifically on the actual response that occurred rather than the type of incident reported.
- Fire Department calls for service over a thirteen (13) year period represent a steady 27% increase.
- Average response time decreased by 1 minute and 36 seconds from the previous year.
- Automatic and mutual aid occurrences with neighboring agencies continue as a part of the integrated response system to maintain service levels due to significant growth in call volumes and multi incidents occurring simultaneously.

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- Overall State Mutual Aid responses by the fire department were active last year due to large incident fires such as the American and Rim Fires.
 - The busiest time period for response continues to be from 0800 hours to 2000 hours, representing 67% of the call volume.
 - Training hours for all personnel significantly increased due to additional (SAFER) staffing that allowed training events while meeting service demands.
 - Grant funding continues to become very competitive in all areas; equipment, staffing, and fuel reduction programs. Some programs at the state level have been drastically reduced and or offer limited funding. FEMA/DHS Assistance For Firefighter's (AFG) grant and SAFER grants program will continue to see reductions in funding in the coming years.
 - Augmented response by using an additional staffed resource with minimal personnel reduces response times, reduces the number of times the City relies on our neighboring fire agency for assistance, and provides a higher level of service to the community.
 - The department continues to participate in the "joint" Volunteer Firefighter Safety Academy involving multiple fire agencies that utilize volunteer personnel.

Fire Department Areas of Focus

The Fire Department will continue to focus on key areas that support service delivery to the community promoting safety, efficiency, and professionalism. These areas are:

- Transition of SAFER personnel
- Community CPR Training
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- California Incident Command Certification System (CICCS) (Training Standards)
- Inspection/Education Programs such as defensible space and business inspections

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